

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

I don't believe so. People will still be able to tape/record any programs they want in order to watch them at a later time.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? The digital flag should cause no problems with individuals and/or families sharing information internally. It could possibly cut down on copyright infringement.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

No, this technology will not interfere with existing electronic equipment. It's the same as when records changed to 8-tracks then to tapes and now to cd's. As technology advances consumers understand and realize that their purchases won't last forever. If they did then we would really have a stagnant manufacturing economy. As long as some good standards are in place then it all works out in the end.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

No, a broadcast flag could actually lead to new options and possibly better ones.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

The cost impact should be a minimum. From a technical standpoint this doesn't seem that hard. Provided that there are some universal standards in place.